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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED FOR TRAFFICKING IN  
METHAMPHETAMINE  
PRECURSOR CHEMICALS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ENRIQUE RAMIREZ, 49, Los Angeles, California, was sentenced to 160 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to possess and distribute a List One Chemical, pseudoephedrine, with reasonable cause to believe it would be used to manufacture a controlled substance. RAMIREZ also enter a guilty plea to charges from the Central District of California which charged RAMIREZ with Aiding and Abetting the Manufacture of a Controlled Substance received in the Southern District of Indiana. RAMIREZ was sentenced to 160 month for each charge and the sentence is to be served concurrently. The Indiana case was the result of an

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investigation by the Indiana State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration .

RAMIREZ, along with co-defendants Librado Lopez and Dean Amin Rojbayani, were involved in a conspiracy to transport pseudoephedrine tablets from Canada to the state of California. RAMIREZ was arrested on October 11, 2001, in the Los Angeles, California, after a controlled delivery in Los Angeles, California. Co-defendant Dean Amin Rojbayani was arrested on September 13, 2001, after the rental truck Rojbayani was driving was stopped by the Indiana State Police. During this stop Indiana State Police officers discovered that Rojbayani was transporting 1,620,000 pseudoephedrine tablets, a chemical which is used in the clandestine manufacture of methamphetamine, a Schedule II Non-Narcotic Controlled Substance. Rojbayani was transporting the pseudoephedrine tablets from Detroit, Michigan to Los Angeles, California. Librado Lopez was an intended recipient of some of 1,620,000 pseudoephedrine tablets being transported to California. The pseudoephedrine was to be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Librado Lopez plead guilty and was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney on November 26, 2002 to 37 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release. Dean Amin Rojbayani plead guilty and was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney on March 21, 2003 to 37 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release on the

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Indiana charge and 5 years for the California charge following RAMIREZ's release from imprisonment.

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